

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED FOR SALE.

CHRISTMAS STORES AND
NEW AND SEASONABLE
GOODS.

EX FRENCH MAIL STEAMER.
MUSCATEL RAISINS.
METZ FRUIT.
ASSORTED COCAQUES.
CALLAND & BOWEN'S CONFECTIONERY.
BUTTER SCOTCH.
HONEY SCOTCH.
ROSE TOFFEE.
LEMON TOFFEE.
ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.
PLUM PUDDINGS.
PATRAS CURRANTS.
VALENCIA RAISINS.
MACKINNON PEN.
LIVERMORE PEN.
LAWN TENNIS BATS.
LAWN TENNIS BALLS.
LAWN TENNIS SHOES.

Ex Steamer "Glenfalus."
STILTON CHEESE.
YORK HAMS.
CHRISTMAS CAKES.
TWO-SHEDD'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS AND RAISINS.
SMYRNA FIGS.

IGNON TONGUES.
FILBERTS.
COGNAC.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
LION'S & FRO'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S BISCUITS.
PATHE DE FOIE GRAS.
MINEGEMET.
CHOCOLATE-MENIER.
SAUSAGES.
BROWN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.
DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES—
HIMMEL'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.
JULIUS MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.
CHATEAU LAFFITE.
DEB. GRAVES.
BREAKFAST CLARET.

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-
TILLADO.
SACONE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1, 2 & 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUTOGHE & Co.'s BRANDY.
FINEST OLD HOLLAND WHISKY.
KINAM'S LL WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHARTERHOUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA.
BOKER'S AND ORANGE BITTERS.
&c. &c. &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON &
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BURKE, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.

EX AMERICAN MAIL.

Fresh ROLL BUTTER.
Eastern and Californian CHEESE.
BONNIE'S CODFISH.
PRIME HAMS and BACON.
RUSSIAN CAVIARE.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.
Family FIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Parragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.

Cuttings of Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINEGEMET.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbins's Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbins's Curried OYSTERS.
Lunch TONGUE.

McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
CLAM CHOWDER.
Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.
&c. &c. &c.

YACHT & PICNIC SUPPLIES.

CALIFORNIA
CRACKER
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and loose.

Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HONEY.
CORNMEAL.
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.
RYE MEAL.

SPECIALY SELECTED
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SHIPCHANDLERY of every Description.
RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly
executed.

Hongkong, January 25, 1882.

Intimations.

KELLAR & GUNARD,

THE
ROYAL LILLIUSONIST
COMPANY,
will
SHORTLY APPEAR.
Hongkong, February 6, 1882.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the
Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's
Road, at Half-past Three o'clock on the
Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 28th February
instant, to receive a Statement of Accounts
to the 31st December, 1881, the Report of
the General Managers, and to elect a Con-
sulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, February 6, 1882. fe28

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE
THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to the
28th February instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, February 6, 1882. fe28

WINDSOR HOUSE,
Nos. 18 and 19, Buxton, Yorkshire.

THE above well-furnished Hotel com-
mands a fine view of the Harbour and
Shipping; and the building is surrounded
by a large Verandah, which makes this
resort the most comfortable in the East.
Charges—From \$2.50 to \$4 per day.
Power to land and ship baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co.
Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881.

TOK KEE,
COAL MERCHANT.

33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG.
KEEPS on hand for Sale all kinds of
STEAM COAL of the best quality, at
moderate rates; also has always powerful
STEAM LAUNCHES for hire at a reasonable
Charge, either for special Purposes, Excu-
sions, or Towing.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882. jy13

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail.

(The oldest Overland Paper in China.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE
IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL.

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely-
printed matter.

THIS Mail Summary is compiled from
the Daily China Mail, is published
twice a month on the morning of the
English Mail's departure, and is a re-
cord of such forthright, current history
of events in China and Japan, con-
tributed in original reports and collected
from the journals published at the various
ports in those countries.

It contains Shipping news from Shanghai,
Hongkong, Canton, &c., and a complete
Commercial Summary.
Subscription, 50 cents per Copy (postage
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Street, not later than noon of the day the
English Mail Steamer leaves.
Terms of Advertising, same as in Daily
China Mail.

THE "FAR EAST."
THE ISSUES OF 1878 WANTED.
Apply at this Office.
Hongkong, October 4, 1880.

Tenth Volume of the
"CHINA REVIEW."
Now Ready.
No. 3.—Vol. X.
—OF THE—
"CHINA REVIEW"
CONTAINS—

The New Testament in Chinese.
Short Journeys in Szechuan.
The Emperor Chien, Founder of the Chi-
nese Empire.
Notes and Queries—
On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo
and Java.
Easy Sentences in the Hakka Dia-
lect.
Prohibition to hold Civil Office in One's
Native Province.
The Rise of the Mongol Dynasty in the
Hia Country.
Hung-wu, the Founder of the Ming
Dynasty.
A Caution.
Chinese Marriages and Betrothals.
Contemptible Character of Kwang
Tung of the Southern Sung Dy-
nasty.
An Organization for Taxing and Corvé
Purposes.
Chinese Cures.
Chinese Concoct.
The Rule of Addressing Superiors.
The Corvé System.
The Wisdom of Many and the Wit of
One.
The Title of an Abdicated Emperor's
Wife.
Wearied Students and Refreshing Be-
verages.
Man-bots among a Tibetan Tribe.
The Kin Dynasty of Tungusic Origin.
Officers Selected by the 大挑 Selection.
A Waggon Emperor.
A Pair of Visions during the T'ang and
Ming Dynasty.
An Error in the Chinese Calendar.
The Chinese Calendar.
Errata.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
Hongkong, January 18, 1882.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.
Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

NOTICE.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
Risks on First Class Godowns at 1
per cent. nett premium per annum.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates, payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 200,000 "
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "
Annual Income £ 260,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Fookchow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE CITY OF LONDON FIRE IN-
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £200,000.
PAID-UP RESERVE FUND, £50,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above Company are
prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against
FIRE at Current Rates.
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

YANGTSE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....£230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£283,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
CUMULATIONS, 2nd April, 1881.....£938,936.17

Directors,
F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
W. M. BOND, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
J. H. PRINCE, Esq., F. D. HIRSH, Esq.,
Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
Messrs BARKING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill.
Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
parts of the World.
Subject to a Charge of 12 1/2 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of
the Undersigned are annually distributed among all Contributors
of Business in proportion to the Premium
paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 20, 1881. 10c82

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are
prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE
at Current Rates.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels, or on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE
BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong and China for
the above Company are prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allow-
ing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 3, 1881. 5my82

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

TO-MORROW, 25th February.
SECOND
GRAND MAGICAL, MUSICAL,
AND COMICAL PERFORMANCE,
AND
DISPLAY OF NEURONMANCY,
GIVEN BY
PROFESSOR RUCHWALDY,
HUNGARIAN WIZARD,
WITH HIS VARIETY TROUPE.

An entirely new Programme
FOR PARTICIPANTS SEE HANDBILLS.

Prices of Admission:
Dress Circle and Stalls, Two Dollars.
Pit, One Dollar.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Half-Price.

Tickets to be had from Messrs KELLY
and WALSH, and at the Doors on the Night of
Performance.

Doors open at 8.00 p.m.; Performance to
commence at 9 p.m., precisely.
Hongkong, February 24, 1882. fe26

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.
TAQUELOIS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAHIA, PORT
SAID, SYRIAN PORTS, NAPLES,
MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF
ITALY, AND A FLATA.

Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON MONDAY, the 27th of February,
1882, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DELOUADY, Commandant PASQUARI,
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon of 26th February, 1882.

Cargo will be received on board until 4
p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
the 26th February, 1882.

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Bells.

Claims against the *Extrajudicial* must be sent to the Messrs. Russell & Co., on or before this date.

Transfer Books of The Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, closed from this date to 6th March.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, February 26.—Daylight.—Hailstorm leaves for Swatow, Amoy, Tientsin and Taiwan.

MONDAY, February 27.—Daylight.—Hailstorm leaves for Port of Call and Europe.

Goods per *Hebridean* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 28.—Daylight.—Hailstorm leaves for Hoihow, Pakhoi and Huihow.

Daylight.—Hailstorm leaves for Coast Ports.

1 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at the residence of Surgeon Major Murray, "Idlewild."

3 p.m.—Malacca leaves for Bombay.

3.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at No. 7, Queen's Road.

5 p.m.—*Emmy* leaves for Manila.

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On the 9th Feb., at H.B.M. Consulate,

Amoy, by R. J. Forrest, Esq., and after-

wards at the Union Church, by the Rev. A.

Macgowan, BARNET NICHOLLS, to THOMAS

CHARLOTTE, only Daughter of the late

Robt. Pitman Hams, Bristol, Glos.

The publication of this issue commenced

at 8.05 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1882.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Per E. B. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

"BISMARCK" WANTS TO KNOW.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

The German Government has demanded

explanations of Skobelev's speech.

THE LAST OF ENRADIATOR.

LONDON, Feb. 23.

Bradlaugh has been expelled and a new

writ issued.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next AMERICAN MAIL, bringing San

Francisco dates up to the 26th ult., may

be expected here on or about the

27th inst.

The next FRENCH MAIL, which passed Cape

St. James at 10 a.m. on 23rd, may be

expected to arrive here on Sunday, the

26th, per M. M. str. *Xanthe*. She

brings London dates to the 26th Jan.

YESTERDAY morning permission was granted

by Mr Justice Russell to allow, on the

motion of the Attorney General, Mr Her-

bert Mainwaring Bailly, Barrister-at-Law,

to practise in the Supreme Court.

We may note that the astoundingly au-

dacious Minute appended to the Protest,

published in the proceedings of the last

meeting of the Legislative Council, has not

escaped our notice; and that the remark-

able statement there made by Governor

Hennessy will form the subject of comment

later on.

The *Ceylon*, which is on a cruise round the

world arrived this morning from Manila with

a party of 33 ladies and gentlemen. She is

to be docked at Aberdeen to be cleaned, as

latterly she has lost, on an average, no less

than three knots an hour. She is expected

to be ready to proceed to Nagasaki, her next

port of call, next Thursday. During their

stay the voyagers will visit all the places of

interest in and around the Colony. In an-

other column will be found a full description

of the vessel.

It is now generally believed that the leading

Chinese residents are being canvassed by

Mr John Pitman, regarding their will-

ingness or otherwise to erect a statue in

memory of the humane administration of

Sir John Pope Hennessy. The suggestion

to place the statue on the present site of

the wharf is not what could be termed a

happy one, as it is well known that the

Chinese are diametrically opposed to the

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The disregard of the evil consequences to society that must ensue from laxity of prison discipline, in this Colony, does not give Sir John Pope Hennessy the slightest concern. His "popularity" has been purchased at rather an expensive cost to the community of Hongkong. His exceptional action with reference to the local goal reflects on his predecessors in office—directly charging them with gross neglect of duty, and such inhuman tendency as to totally incapacitate them from further administrative employment under the Crown. On public grounds, it would be better to err on the side of discipline than that of undue leniency. We all know practically, in what Governor Hennessy's over-indulgence of prisoners has resulted—both to himself and the Colony. He has found favor with those sensationalists called "horror-mongers" at Home, and his reputation, bida fair, in consequence, to rank prominently among the humanitarians of the day! But what of Hongkong? Its prisoners increase grow fat and insolent; and rampant crime, fostered by a benign Government, is perpetuated with greater vigour than ever. The evil-doers escaping from punishment reduce a certain class of convictions, and the immunity from detection, escape from apprehension, is wonderfully utilised by Governor Hennessy to his own credit—in first increasing the efficiency of the local Police Force, and next in the enhanced moral tone of the Chinese population engendered from his humane views and superior treatment! His Excellency is certainly clever. We have always given him credit for abilities, although some of them are of a very negative order. With some folks, figures may be made to prove anything; but with others they are worthless unless supported by facts. Stern reality is the rock on which Sir John will split—his assertions wreck; and, in the meanwhile, we have to accept the inevitable—the injurious consequences arising from the unscrupulous exercise of power by one vested with a little brief authority, who maintains, fully, the unenviable reputation acquired elsewhere.

It is a subject for regret that military service with the Sikhs and Muhammadans of the Punjab has ceased to be an attraction and is not so popular as it once was. Their slowness to enlist and the unsatisfactory quality of the men is now a frequent complaint. There can be no doubt but that this limited resource of fighting-men has been indented upon largely during the past thirty years, and the apparent result is a falling off in number and a deterioration in physique of those who now care to serve in the Army. There are so many greater inducements offered by foreign service that we are not surprised at the Punjab availing themselves of the same. That they do so largely may be verified by the fact that the Police Forces and Gao Guards of the Andamans and Nicobars, Burma, the Straits Settlements, the Native States of the Malay Peninsula, and Hongkong are largely drafted from this class. In Perak there could not possibly be under 600 men so employed; and the extent to which we utilize the same material for civil and military purposes in Hongkong, hardly requires qualification. But it is a noticeable fact that even here, civil employment is more popular than military enlistment. The records of our Police Force would show that vacancies among the Indian contingent are seldom, and these never long unfilled, whereas the Gun Lascar Company is never up to its full complement, is recruited with difficulty, and compelled to accept those rejected by the other service. The popularity of the Hongkong Police Force may be instanced by the number of men in it who have abandoned their prospects in the Indian Army—some of them wearing its war-medals—for employment therein; and we hope that it will always maintain the high prestige it has deservedly attained.

A collection of specimens representative of the Geology and Mineralogy of South China would be simply invaluable to the world at large, and a great desideratum in the local Museum. The practical advantages to be derived from this class of exhibits, as regards their useful and economic applications, are too well known to be discussed. A cursory examination of the collection already made impels us to an expression of regret for its smallness and poverty. Some of the samples exposed on view are, however, deserving of notice. Conspicuous among them are the argilliferous lead ores. Of these, the variety of glauca found on the Lui Chow mountains on the Kwong Sai boundary deserves mention. But the sample said to have been found in the Wing On District of the 'Wai' Chow Prefecture calls for special remark. It is said to contain 75 per cent. of lead, and runs 40 ounces to the ton when crushed. The specimen of lead ore from the Prefecture of Chih Chow contains the usual combination of associated minerals. The slate from Kwang Tung has not much to commend it as a building material when placed beside the sandstone from the same Province. This latter would be extremely valuable for architectural purposes, having an agreeable tint, and being also dense, close-grained, and easily worked. Macao is magnificently represented in the collection, the specimens being confined to varieties of granite, and of coarse-grained, variegated, sandstone. The volcanic hammocks of Hoihow, and Hainan, afford lava; and there is also a piece of trap from the same island.

The Limestones are well represented, whether Volitic or Crystalline—these latter being both white and dark. Among the miscellaneous are: a natural magnet from the Philippines, and some dark iron sand (probably magnetic ore) found in the Province of Canton. The specimen of the "ant-eaten coal" (?) makes an important revelation in Natural History. The termite is known to attack live vegetation in Australia, where the only timber capable of withstanding its ravages is said to be the *jarrah*. The species found in Hongkong must, certainly, be of a very formidable nature when it goes so far as attacking mineral fuel.

We find that, omitting the gay and fast elements of the population of China, the higher civil officials and land owners are the largest patrons of the opium pipe, the exceptions among these classes being insignificantly small. Wholesale traders are four times more addicted to the baneful drug than shopkeepers, while the rural population form the smallest consumers of all. These results are, of course, comparative; and we may add, in connection with them, that the "military" are greater abstainers than they are otherwise believed to be. The toll and exposure to which boatmen are generally subjected account for the fact that almost every other man among them seeks relief and protection in the moderate use of opium.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Wodehouse, Esq.)

Friday, Feb. 24.

FIRING CRACKERS.

Four Chinamen were summoned for firing crackers in prohibited hours, and were fined in the sum of 25 cents each.

(Before Frederick Stewart, Esq.)

BRANCH OF OPPIUM ORDINANCE.

Ho Ahung and Ng Akau, were found in possession of prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Factory, on the 16th instant. The first defendant's case was remanded till the 24th instant, but being admitted in two verdicts of \$120 each. The second defendant was fined \$30, in default six months' hard labour. All the opium found to be confiscated.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before the Hon. F. Russell, Acting Prime Judge.)

Friday, Feb. 24.

LEE AYUK AND ANO. v. MARCH, \$7.93.

This was a claim for wages for a part of the month of February. The plaintiffs were chair coolies to the defendant, and on the night of the 17th instant had asked permission to leave the next day, Chinese New Year, which permission, they said, was granted; but the defendant said that he only gave them leave to be absent that night and not all next day. They had also received \$8, in advance, on loan, in order to spend the New Year.

His Lordship in dismissing their claim said they had wrongfully left the defendant's employment and their current wages were liable for forfeiture for their misconduct. If the defendant chose he might also recover the \$8, which was advanced, but he, His Lordship, did not suppose that the defendant would take that trouble. His Lordship also said that it was not usual for servants to absent themselves for such a length of time as they had done; it being customary only to grant a half day or night and not one day and two nights, as the plaintiffs had been absent.

Canton.

Beak House, Feb. 22.

According to the intimation in my note of the 15th, the amateurs of our Theatrical Society gave the attractive play of "Barberini" at Concordia Hall last night; and were rewarded for the exceptional merits of its presentation by the hearty applause of a full audience, including a considerable number of visitors from your city and other places. Reverting to what I then wrote, as suggested by its descriptive title of "An Extravaganza," I hasten to acknowledge its acceptability in a degree warranting repetition during the season. It has lost of the sensational that title imports; and thanks to the refined taste that, with surprising adaptability to the character, in manner, voice, and costume, the gentleman who bore the part of the Princess Toto conceived and performed it, the pleasurable impression of the moment (to which the younger gentleman who had the part of her Maid contributed in fully relative proportion)—despends with the lapse of time, obliterating the alien present sense of seeming incongruities in other portions of the presentation. The interest of the Play centres in the Princess, and the essentially poetical conception of the character is an interesting study, to which the present performer of it has lent much attraction. In her we see the imagination of a highly refined nature excited to a pitch of romantic enthusiasm for the wild and picturesque, as an escape from the enforced seclusion and conventional restraints of her station at the court of a King, who is nervously sensitive of the proprieties of life and the exacting regard of his neighbours. In short, a youthful Princess imbued with the romantic spirit that studies "Paul and Virginia," the works of Chateaubriand on American Indian life, or the stories of Italy and Sicily, or even the more recent poetical pictures of Indian life by Longfellow, would impress upon so receptive an imagination; and the clever representation of the part last night has shown us that somewhat exaggerated eccentricities of manner are reconcilable with the utmost purity of thought and refinement of feeling: a cleverness of adaptability that reached the perfection of art in the song on the last page of the book I send you, wherein his voice naturally, as it were, fell to the sweetness and

cadence of a girl's. The part next those of the females presenting the most embarrassing predicaments, was that of *Princess Carmel*, and I was glad to recognize in the *Lord Plato* of three seasons ago, who, having a stronger than platonic love for the Princess, feigned personation of *Barberini* and enticed her to his lair, where, however, he found he had caught "a Tartar," and subsequently his rival, *Prince Doro*, came and pressed his suit successfully, after reminding her that they had already been married: a marriage that she declared was only a dream. The character of *Prince Doro* was well sustained by the veteran of the amateurs known as "Mr Hart." The difficulties of the other parts—that of *King Portico* being particularly perplexing as that of the father of a romantic and resolutely wayward Princess, and monarch sensitive to the "opinions of surrounding nations,"—were all overcome with the usual ability of the local performers. Finally, I must note the acceptable manner in which Mr Van Aalst presided at the Piano, and the calling of Mr Baptista before the curtain in recognition of the merits of his scenic painting.

China.

(Gazette.)

Mlle. Olga Dubouff gave her Farewell Concert on 15th at the Amoy Club Theatre, H. M. S. *Moorea*, Commander Corrie, R. N., arrived on 15th from Swatow.

The Revenue Cruiser *Pai Hoo* arrived here on Friday evening (17th) from the Light-houses.

The following charters were effected in Amoy during the past fortnight:

Augusta, 5,000 piculs, Taiwanfoo to Tientsin, 18 lay days, \$1,050.

Feng Baining, 6,000 piculs, Foochow to Tientsin, 18 lay days, \$2,350.

Helene, 6,000 piculs, Choo and back to Amoy, 14 lay days, \$1,700.

Pochoow, (Herald, Feb. 16.)

The final close of the present Tea Season at this port will take place in a few days, when the S. S. *Glennier* will take away London with little stock there is now remaining.

During the past fortnight we have been favoured with the presence of two British and one Russian vessels of war. It is either a feast or a famine in this respect as it is now some time since we had any vessel of war at all in our harbour.

A suit will be for a temporary exchange in Foochow, and to the primitive but invaluable book system will be enormously facilitated, if the place is large enough to accommodate remuneration to the scheme.

We were informed that the Stewards of the Fokien Race Club held a Meeting on the 14th instant to consider the question of a Spring Race Meeting, and that after some conversation and weighing carefully the pros and cons, it was unanimously decided to hold a Two-Days' Meeting immediately after Easter. We do hope the clerk of the weather will take into consideration the disadvantages under which the racing community enjoyed themselves in December last.

We learn that several of the parents of the Chinese Students who have lately returned to China from the United States, have sent a petition to the Peking Authorities requesting that permission be granted to their sons to return to America in order to complete their studies. These parents also say that if the Chinese Government do not care to defray the expense, they themselves will do it, and in their petition they said that they will guarantee that their sons will serve the Chinese Government, upon their final return, for a given length of time.

The failure is reported of a native Tea-trading with liabilities estimated at \$50,000 to \$60,000, and the managing partner, a Chin-chew man, is said to have fled from his disgraces. It is stated that its difficulties were mainly connected with the disastrous season of 1880-1881, and that could the honey only have been conserved up-country, the crisis would have been prevented. The Hong has been in existence three seasons, two only under its present constitution, and with the past season following its predecessor it is not surprising to learn that one of the mounted partners was anxious to clear out of the concern.

Hongkong Races, 1882.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, February 24.

Stewards, His Excellency Sir John Pope Hennessy, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Lt. General Durovan; Commodore Chalmers, R.N.; Lieut. Colonel Geddes, 27th Infantry; The Hon. P. Ryan; The Hon. F. B. Johnson; A. Coxon, Esq.; H. Hopkinson, Esq.; H. de C. Forbes, Esq.; T. Jackson, Esq.; F. D. Sassoon, Esq.; W. H. P. Dwyer, Esq., Honorary Treasurer; H. J. H. Tripp, Esq., Clerk of the Course.

The events to-day were fully as interesting as yesterday and excitement over some of the races seemed to run higher. The assembly was larger, but the ladies did not appear to be so numerous, although the day was bright and the air much less keen. Several times during the afternoon an enthusiastic burst of cheering was given as a winning horse went past the post. The course was again in excellent condition and was well kept by a detachment of the Buffs. In most of the races the time was considerably faster than last year. The honours have been more equally divided to-day than yesterday, both as regards owners and riders. Mr St. Andrew's win by *Huntsman*, ridden by Ogle, in the Scurry Stakes was rather a surprise to the knowing ones. This gentleman was also successful in taking the Parsee Cup with *Craftsman* ridden by the same jockey. *Sunlight* and *Shamrock* took credit for the Professional Cup and Town Plate respectively—two honours which Mr St. Paul is to be congratulated on achieving. Mr Grammont's well-known pony *Strathpeffer* won the Exchange Plate by a hard squeeze, and the same gentleman's pony *Shell* carried off the much-coveted German Cup easily, both horses being ridden by Hutcheson. To-morrow promises to be the heaviest day of the meeting, as the Ladies' Purse, which has generally been run on the second day, will be put down for competition to-morrow.

1.—THE SCURRY STAKES.—Sweepstakes of \$5 each, with \$100 added, for all *hand* *life* *Griffins* at the date of Entry. Subscribers' Griffs allowed 7 lbs., except winner of Valley Stakes. Weight for jockeys. One mile.

St. Andrew's *Huntsman*, 10st. 12lb. (Ogle), 1.

Gordon's *Airle*, 11st. 11lb. (Brandt), 2.

Paul's *Sirocco*, 10st. 12lb. (Nickels), 3.

Kerfoot's *Bohemian*, 10st. 12lb. (Hutchings), 4.

A good start was made, with *Sirocco* leading past the Grand Stand, keeping this place till the Bridge was reached, when *Huntsman* came forward and held first place up the hill. *Airle* and *Huntsman* then paired off and a good race ensued between these horses all the way home. Time, 2 min. 11½ sec. *Huntsman* winning by half a length. He was regarded as the favourite.

2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE, value \$500.—presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong, for China Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance \$10. Second Pony to receive half of the Entrance money. Two miles.

Grammont's *Strathpeffer*, 10st. 12lb. (Hutchings), 1.

Paul's *Tajmahal*, 11st. 11lb. (Nickels), 2.

Gordon's *First Comet*, 11st. 4lb. (Brandt), 3.

Going away together on the first trial, *First Comet* led *Tajmahal*, the favourite, by a neck passing the Grand Stand, with *Strathpeffer* coming on easy. The two first ponies kept this position without much alteration up the hill, *Tajmahal* gradually making his way alongside the leading pony. Going down hill *First Comet* again stretched forward into first place, keeping it till the Stand was passed the second time, when *Tajmahal* strove to take the place nearest the rails. Down hill the second time, *First Comet* dropped behind, and *Strathpeffer* collared *Tajmahal*. These two ran well together all the way up the Straight, *Strathpeffer* getting ahead and winning by a short neck. Time, 4 min. 28 sec. This race created a great sensation owing to the varying positions of the three entrants, who were all ridden by first-class jockeys.

3.—THE GERMAN CUP, value 100 guineas.—presented by Members of the German Club, for Subscription Griffs only. Weight for inches. Entrance \$10. Second Pony to receive 75 per cent. of the Entrance money. One-and-a-quarter mile.

Grammont's *Shell*, 11st. 4lb. (Hutchings), 1.

Sassoon's *White Cloud*, 10st. 12lb. (Nickels), 2.

Henry's *Sub Rosa*, 10st. 12lb. (Ogle), 3.

Sulley's *Grey Mist*, 10st. 12lb. (Allan), 4.

Jeddy's *Bohemian*, 10st. 12lb. (D'Arno), 5.

Kahn's *Spectre*, 10st. 12lb. (Reynell), 6.

Morgan's *Cromwell*, 11st. 11lb. (Eaton), 7.

Reiner's *Staff Wang*, 10st. 12lb. (Lindsay), 8.

On the second attempt the ponies went off, with *Sub Rosa*, who had a good start, leading, the rest in a cluster. *Ranplan* soon showed up, but *Shell* came ahead and beat him out, and gradually crept into the first place, but was again ousted by *Sub Rosa*. The field became somewhat slack going down the hill. *Shell* put on a spurt and walked away from *White Cloud*, who had gained first place

